

Bonus Opposed By Veteran as Money Wasted

Men Simply Would Toss It
Away, Says Capt. Burns,
of Greenport, Who Values
War Honors Above Cash

Gives Committee a Shock

Protests Against Any Big Ex-
penditure as Unwarranted
Drain on Treasury

From The Tribune's Washington Bureau
WASHINGTON, March 4.—Captain
Walter W. Burns, of Greenport, N.
Y., testifying to-day before the House
Ways and Means Committee, opposed
the granting of bonuses to former
service men. For his own part, he said,
he did not wish to have his services
to his country measured in terms of
cash.

Captain Burns, who served in the
drive on St. Mihiel, told the committee
that he was presenting merely his per-
sonal views. He had, he said, gained
something from his war service of far
greater value to him than any man
could have achieved by work in the
shipyards at \$12 a day.

Proud of War's Legacy
"I have three stars on my bars," he
declared, "and that is something they
do not have."

"And besides," interrupted Repre-
sentative Garner, Democrat, of Texas,
pointing to his heart, "you have some-
thing here."

"You bet I have," replied the wit-
ness.

The testimony of Burns came as a
surprise to the committee, which had
heard nothing by way of outspoken op-
position to the bonus by returned sol-
diers who have testified.

"If anybody needs a bonus," the cap-
tain said, "it is the man who did not
have an opportunity to get across."
Representative Garner remarked that
he had not received one letter from
his constituency asking that the bonus
be given and Representative Tilson, of
Connecticut, said he had received two
letters, one favoring it and one oppos-
ing it.

Before Captain Burns made his
statement representatives of Western
states urged the committee to approve
a bill calling for total appropriations
of \$350,000,000 for irrigation projects,
contending that by giving the soldiers
an opportunity to go to community
settlements men who wanted to remain
in the cities would be assured of con-
tinued employment and that depres-
sion would thus be averted.

Veteran Objects to Plan
"I want to protest against any large
cash expenditure for the soldiers at
this time or in the immediate future,"
said Captain Burns. "No argument is
necessary as to the condition of the
Treasury. It won't stand much pull-
ing on it, and with the \$30,000,000,000
or \$40,000,000,000 which must be paid
any additional expenditures would be
a hard pull."

"If you vote to give these men \$300
it simply would be wasted, as it would
be thrown away. Uniform dealers in
this city told me that in a great many
cases the \$300 bonus was spent immedi-
ately for a new serge uniform to go
home in."

"How do these soldiers feel about
asking the government for a dona-
tion?" asked Mr. Garner.

"Well, I asked one to-day and he
said that he could use the \$500 very
nicely," replied Captain Burns. "I con-
fess I could use that sum, too, and
probably if it were held out to me I'd
take it."

"Your observation is that the men
can get jobs if they want them, that
not many returned soldiers are out
of work," inquired Representative
Kitchin.

"My observation is that any man
who wants work can get it," said
Burns.

"Your position is that you don't want
to tax the country to give you a
bonus," suggested Mr. Garner.
"No, I don't," replied Burns. "I got
something out of this war. I got some-
thing from my experience."

All Willing to Take Bonus
"I have talked to at least fifty re-
turned soldiers. They are all willing
to take a bonus if it is granted. The
attitude of those who favor it is that
the shipyard workers, carpenters and
others were getting \$12 a day while
the soldier was only getting \$1 a day."

"You think we owe these boys some-

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thing, don't you captain?" asked
Chairman Fordney.
"No, I don't," replied Burns. "I am
sorry for you men who were too old
to go, and if a bonus is granted it
should be given to those who were in
the war but who did not get across.
I was fighting so that my wife and my
boy would have a safe place to live in."
"Well, you fought at the same time
for my family as well as your family,"
said Mr. Fordney. "I remained at
home. If I told you that I thought I
owed you something and that I ought
to pay you, what would you say?"
"That depends entirely on your
financial condition," replied Captain
Burns. "I am a member of the Ameri-
can Legion, but I do not want to feel
that by my silence I have assumed the
attitude of holding a club over the
head of members of Congress to force
them to vote me a bonus."

Your attitude is very meritorious,
replied Mr. Fordney. There are some
who take a different position. Some
say they are going after the men who
do not do as they order, but if they try
to take the hide off a man they will
injure the very man they try to help.
You can't catch a fly with vinegar. If
a man threatens me it arouses all the
Irish blood in me and I'm ready to
trim him."

"What about these mass meetings
declaring for the bonus and these peti-
tions," inquired Representative Dick-
inson.

"I have purposely remained away
from meetings for fear of getting into
trouble," replied Captain Burns. "I did
not feel that I wanted to go out and
by airing my personal views antagonize
any one."

"Don't you think there should be
some money granted these men to
sustain them?" Mr. Fordney asked the
witness.

"Five dollars a month won't sustain
them very long," was the reply. "I be-
lieve if you grant them \$500 they will
throw it away."

Newark Mayor Swaps Lie
With City Commissioner

Archibald Quits Victory Com-
mittee and Says Gillen Re-
fused to Make Audit

Mayor Charles P. Gillen of Newark
and City Commissioner Alexander
Archibald played end men to a large
and appreciative audience yesterday at
a meeting of the Newark City Com-
mission. End Man Archibald started
the show with the announcement of
his resignation as treasurer of the
Mayor's Victory Celebration Commit-
tee, saying that he didn't know how
any of the funds were spent, as he had
asked the Mayor for an audit and had
failed to get one.

"That's a lie! You're a liar!" was
the response of End Man Gillen.
"Well, I asked through your secre-
tary," was End Man Archibald's retort.
"I say you never asked me," ex-
plained End Man Gillen.
"As long as I was treasurer," said
End Man Archibald, "I never saw a
bank account or knew the condition of
the fund, and I say I did ask for an
audit."

"That's a lie! You're a liar!" said
End Man Gillen, who never misses a
cue.

"I resent that remark," said End Man
Archibald.

End Man Gillen had some more good
wheezes about liars and dirty curs, and
after getting them off adjourned the
meeting.

Tax Exemption Asked
Legion Post Suggests Method of
Assisting Veterans

Post No. 722 of the American Legion,
with headquarters at 34 West Forty-
fourth Street, telegraphed yesterday to
Frank D'Olier, president of the Ameri-
can Legion, suggesting legislation to
remit income taxes of veterans of the
war for a term of years.

"We believe it would be fair," the
telegram said, "not to exempt the in-
come that they may have derived from
earnings directly attributable to cap-
ital, but to exempt the income derived
from earnings attributed to personal
services. We feel that by so doing you
would render not only a great service,
but compensate a large number of the
members of the legion."

"This may be in lieu of bonuses or
in connection therewith."

Italy Places Ban On U. S. Tobacco

LONDON, March 4.—The Ital-
ian government has decided to buy
no more tobacco from the United
States, Egypt or the Philippines,
says a Rome dispatch to the Gen-
eral News.
It will insist that only Italian,
Albanian and Dalmatian tobacco
be used.

Soldier's Girl Arrived Month Ago, Wed Other

Man Meets Ship Only to Learn
He Was Jilted on the
Last Trip

The clerk at the information desk
at the Ellis Island immigration sta-
tion spotted Earl J. McDaniel as a
bridegroom before the eager young sol-
dier was half-way across the room yes-
terday and had his records ready for
a quick search before McDaniel reached
him and blurted out:

"Her name is Jeanne Andre and she
is supposed to have come on the steam-
ship Savoie. She's from Paris and she's
my sweetheart. I've come to marry
her."

The clerk knew that the Savoie
wasn't in yet, but he knew also that
this information was inadequate for
bridegrooms, so he examined his re-
cords diligently. No trace of the win-
some Jeanne was found, and McDaniel
was directed upstairs. There he pur-
sued his quest through the records of
the registry division, the division of
special inquiry and the deportation
division with devastating success.

Jeanne Andre arrived on the Savoie
—on January 27—she had gone ashore
in custody of a Y. M. C. A. representa-
tive to get married and she had been
married—to a man whose name was
not McDaniel or anything like it.

"I knew she had been corresponding
with another soldier," said McDaniel,
"and I think the lucky chap lives out
in Michigan. Oh, well, it couldn't be
helped, I reckon. You see, I live down
in Vernon, Tex., when I'm not soldier-
ing, and it was there my girl wrote
when she decided on crossing. It took
the letter a long time to get there and
then come 'way back to Fox Hills,
Staten Island, where I'm stationed. I
did my part—the best I could. I reckon
it couldn't be helped."

French Line Officials Silent on Hamiltons

Refuse to Say Whether Bridal
Couple Sailed for
Europe Friday

Officials of the French Line refused
to confirm or deny yesterday the re-
port that Laurens Morgan Hamilton,
grandson of the late J. Pierpont Mor-
gan, and his bride, who was formerly
Mrs. Gregory Warren, had sailed last
Friday on the steamship Lafayette.

The couple, who eloped and were
married in January in Portsmouth, N.
H., are supposed to have booked
passage on a steamship of the French
Line, but thus far their names have
not appeared on the passenger lists of
any outbound vessel of the line. No
irregularity is attached to the omis-
sion of their names on this list, but
the company is required by law to in-
sert on its official manifest the names
of every passenger leaving and arriv-
ing at this port.

It is generally believed that Hamil-
ton and his bride boarded the Lafay-
ette at midnight of the day before sail-
ing. Their names, however, according
to the passport squad, did not appear
on the official list provided by the
French Line.

The name of Karl Hamilton, a pas-
senger who came from the West, was
on the manifest, and his passport was
visited before departure.

A representative of the French Line,
when asked yesterday if Hamilton and
his bride had departed on the Lafay-
ette, said "The French Line has noth-
ing to say."

It is said that the Customs officials
will inquire into the case to-day.

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You know best whether or not you have a responsibility to help in this, but don't forget that these are your own poor. Add a little to the glorious contributions you have made to the sufferers of many nations, and you will lighten the load of many right here. And after all, hunger is hunger, in New York or Belgium, and sickness brings its train of sorrows in New York as in Europe or elsewhere in the world.

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